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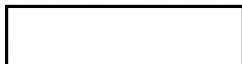
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1 August 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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FROM :



SUBJECT : PRC Meeting on US and USSR Civil Defense

1. The subject meeting, previously scheduled for Friday, 4 August, has been moved up to Thursday, 3 August, 1500-1630. (The Thursday SCC meeting on SALT has been slipped to Friday, 1600-1730). Secretary Brown will chair.

2. This meeting, in which the PRC is to review PRM/NSC-32: Civil Defense, has three basic purposes or agenda items:

a. to review the PRM/NSC-32 conclusions as to the scope, nature and effectiveness of U.S. and Soviet civil defense programs;

b. to review alternative U.S. civil defense policies and make recommendations to the President; and

c. to review alternative civil defense programs and make recommendations to the President.

3. The pressure for the meeting comes from Sam Huntington, who appears to want to force the issue and get decisions. There does not appear to be great confidence among the working group that this PRM is ready for the PRC. (This may be why Huntington wants to force the issue as well as the fact that he is departing soon).

4. The draft PRM is quite massive and just that, a draft. The NSC has just forwarded a 70 page summary and overview report which will most likely be the basis of discussion.

5. The Intelligence input has been that of the IIM and the CIA position has been consistent with that. I understand that some (notably the JCS) have wanted to use the IIM selectively to justify support for a U.S. civil defense program.

6. There appears to be considerable difference among the various agencies regarding:



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7. Another possible issue relates to numbers and fatality estimates. ACDA and PA&E have run exchanges using more weapons, megatonnage and aim-points than used in the IIM model. Soviet fatalities were thus higher than reflected in the IIM.

8. The Thursday meeting thus has potential for much debate.

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9. [redacted] OSR/SEC, is the action officer who has been involved with the working group. He is preparing your briefing book which will include Talking Points, a Background paper, the Summary/Overview paper, and the draft PRM. This will be available for you Wednesday afternoon. (I understand that [redacted] is also providing him some assistance).

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cc: DDCI

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*Pres Bro/papers*

*PRC THURS:  
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*Attached are*

- 1) Pres Brief of 29 Nov 77*
  - 2) Pres Brief of 25 Jul 78*
- from Bob's files.*

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